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# CityScope

*a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler*

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Update section.

The estimated population for  
the City of Chandler as of  
October 1, 2004, is 227,884.

## "What's Up?" Downtown

### Historic Downtown Is Rich With Holiday Traditions

The holiday season brings a wide array of festivities and traditional activities to Historic Downtown.

To kick off the activities, the annual APS Parade of Lights and Tumbleweed Tree Lighting takes place Saturday, December 4. The parade features a wide assortment of floats decorated with holiday lights and festive accessories. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. and travels along Arizona Avenue from Chicago Street to Buffalo Street in Historic Downtown.

At the parade's conclusion, the traditional lighting of the City's unique tree made of tumbleweeds will take place. The tradition began in 1957 when the first tumbleweed tree was constructed in the very spot that it continues to be built today - in Dr. A.J. Chandler Park.

Children can enjoy a visit with the man in red himself, at Santa's House in Historic Downtown Chandler. The house opens during the tree lighting event on December 4

and again December 9, 11 and 18. Call the special events hotline at (480) 782-2735 for times.

The Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave., offers many performances throughout the month of December -- including the holiday classic *The Nutcracker* and *The Spirit of Christmas*. Call the Box Office at (480) 782-2680 to reserve your seat today.

Custom made, fully-decorated Christmas trees created by a variety of artists are on display at the Vision Gallery. The trees and ornaments are sold and proceeds benefit the non-profit Kidz Art program. One special tree will don the ornaments created by kids in the childrens' art program. A

special open house will take place Saturday, December 4 and trees will be on display beginning in late November. The Vision Gallery is located at 80 S. San Marcos Place. Call (480) 917-6859 for more information.



## Non-Profit Funds Available

Applications for Acts of Kindness (A-OK) and social service funding will be available December 6. All local, non-profit social service organizations who serve the needs of Chandler residents are welcome to apply for funding. Past donations provided emergency shelter and support services for the homeless, nutrition programs for seniors, food bank assistance and more. Call (602) 631-4837 to request an application.

The A-OK program is a voluntary donation program in which City of Chandler utility customers may elect to contribute \$1 with each utility bill payment to A-OK. A special committee made up of individuals who live or work in Chandler determine how the funds are allocated. One-hundred percent of the monies go directly to the organizations selected.

## Calendar Of Events

Call the Special Events Hotline  
**(480) 782-2735**  
or go to **www.ChandlerAZ.gov**

### November

- 11 City offices closed
- 13 George Winston, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 13 Dart the Turkey, Senior Center and Snedigar Recreation Center
- 14 San Marcos Symphony, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 15, 18 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 19-21 Arizona Balloon Festival, Tumbleweed Park, 782-2735
- 20 Kidz Art, Vision Gallery, 917-6859
- 25, 26 City offices closed
- 26, 27, 28 The Nutcracker, Center for the Arts, 782-2680

### December

- 3, 4, 5 The Nutcracker, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 4 Tumbleweed Tree Lighting Ceremony & Parade of Lights, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park
- 4, 9, 11, 18 Santa's House, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park
- 11 Lunch with Santa Coloring Contest, Courtyard by Marriott
- 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 The Spirit of Christmas, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 12-16 Santa's Calling
- 13, 16 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 19 Salt River Brass, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 24 City offices closed
- 31 Mesa Symphony, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 31 City offices closed

### January

- 14 Celebration of Unity
- 15 Multicultural Festival
- 15 Broadway! The Big Band Years, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 17 City offices closed
- 22 Comedy and Pet Theatre, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 28 Sweet Honey In The Rock, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 29 The Smothers Brothers, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 30 The Peking Acrobats, Center for the Arts, 782-2680

## Pardon Our Mess... Transfer Facility Construction Begins

The City's Transfer Facility, located at 3200 S. McQueen Road, is scheduled to begin receiving improvements soon. While the transfer facility and landfill will remain open during construction, to avoid delays residents are encouraged to use the City's free Curbside Bulk Collection service.

The service is available to residents once every six weeks. The City will pick up items that are too large to fit in the black trash container or alley dumpster, yet small enough to fit in a typical truck (4-by-4-by-8).

Before scheduling a bulk refuse collection, consider other alternatives to landfill disposal. Donating any large, reusable items to a local charity may benefit someone in need. Yard waste

can be composted and reused in the garden or as ground cover to retain moisture and conserve water.

For information about local organizations that provide at-home collection for reusable items, obtaining a free backyard composter through the City's Backyard Composting Program or to schedule a bulk collection, call Solid Waste Services at (480) 782-3510.



**Solid Waste  
Recycling Hotline  
(480) 782-3510**

## Please...Only Rain In The Storm Drain

The City streets and gutters are designed to gather rain and runoff to collect in the storm drains. In some cases, the storm drains lead to common area retention basins where pets and children play. In order to protect the environment and your neighbors, we ask that you do your part to prevent pollution.

### Storm Water Pollution Prevention Tips

- Dispose of household hazardous waste properly.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers as directed.
- Properly cover and store hazardous materials. This also prevents accidental spills and poisoning of children and pets.
- Clean up spills using dry absorbent and dispose of it properly.
- Park vehicles that leak fluids on private property.
- Use a commercial car wash for heavily soiled vehicles.
- Wash paint brushes and rollers indoors or allow to dry and place in trash. Dry, empty latex paint cans can be disposed of in the trash.
- Prior to discharging your pool, call (480) 782-3500.
- Sweeping debris, including landscaping debris, into the street does not make it go away. Debris can clog the storm drain inlets resulting in improper street drainage and unsafe conditions. Pick up and properly dispose of debris.
- Pick up after your pet.

For information on proper disposal of household hazardous waste, please call (480) 782-3502.

## S - T - R - E - T - C - H Your Outdoor Water Supply

In the Valley of the Sun, we use water outdoors to help maintain our quality lifestyle. As we enter our ninth year of drought, it is now more important than ever to conserve. Here are some tips that will help eliminate water waste:

### Adjust Sprinklers

Adjust your sprinklers to water only landscaped areas and be sure to repair broken sprinkler heads promptly.

### Set Timers

Use an automatic irrigation timer and be sure to turn back your clock now that cooler temperatures are upon us and plants need less water. The City of Chandler offers a \$200 rebate for low water use landscaping and \$50 rebate for irrigation timers.

### Give Bermuda Grass A Break

Bermuda grass goes dormant in the winter. It only needs to be irrigated once or twice a month to keep the roots healthy.



### Save Water While Washing Cars and Cleaning Driveways

Put a shut-off nozzle on your hose or use a bucket of water to wash your car, rather than allowing water to run continuously. Use a push broom, instead of water, to clean your driveway and sidewalk.

### Replace those thirsty plants

Fall is the ideal time to plant. Consider drought tolerant species that are well adapted to our soil and climatic conditions. Check out your free copy of *Landscape Plants of the Arizona Desert* at your local library.

### Save the Rain

Take advantage of natural rainwater when it falls. Water harvesting includes the construction of swales (simple shallow depressed areas in your landscape) or directing roof runoff to planted areas.

You can play a big part in improving outdoor water management. By eliminating unnecessary water use, we can help to ensure an adequate supply for today and tomorrow.

**Contact Water Conservation for more information (480) 782-3580.**

Go to [www.ChandlerAZ.gov](http://www.ChandlerAZ.gov) for Chandler's Drought Management Plan, information on the City's water conservation incentives, desert landscape benefits, conservation tips, water quality reports and more!

## Desert Breeze Park Train Returns

The Desert Breeze Railroad is back on track as the popular train ride returns to Desert Breeze Park. For \$2, guests can enjoy a three-quarter-mile ride that will carry them along the eastern shore of the park's lake and around the tennis courts on the west side. In addition, the facility features a snack bar, outdoor shaded seating and an antique carousel. The train ride is open week-ends-only through December 19 and daily from December 20 through 31 (except December 24 and 25). Desert Breeze Park is located north of Chandler Boulevard and west of McClintock Drive. The Railroad is owned and operated by Chandler Amusements, LLC. For more information and hours of operation go to [www.desertbreezerr.com](http://www.desertbreezerr.com) or call (480) 893-6652.



## Holiday Closures

### Thanksgiving Holiday

**November 25-26**

*City offices* -- Closed

*Libraries* -- Closed

*City Court* -- Closed

*Transfer Station* --

November 25 -- Closed

November 26 -- Regular

*Curbside Collection* -- Delayed

If your regular collection day is

Thursday, place your container

at the curb Friday morning.

Customers whose regular

collection day is Friday will

have containers emptied on

Saturday.

*Chandler Airport* -- Regular

*Public Safety* -- Regular

### Christmas Holiday

**Friday, December 24**

*City offices* -- Closed

*Libraries* -- Closed

*City Court* -- Closed

*Transfer Station* --

December 24 -- Regular

December 25 -- Closed

*Curbside Collection* -- Regular

*Chandler Airport* -- Regular

*Public Safety* -- Regular

### Friday, December 31 --

**New Year Holiday**

*City offices* -- Closed

*Libraries* -- Closed

*City Court* -- Closed

*Transfer Station* --

December 31 -- Regular

January 1 -- Closed

*Curbside Collection* -- Regular

*Chandler Airport* -- Regular

*Public Safety* -- Regular

### Monday, January 17, 2005 --

**Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil**

**Rights Day**

*City offices* -- Closed

*Libraries* -- Closed

*City Court* -- Closed

*Transfer Station* -- Regular

*Curbside Collection* -- Regular

*Chandler Airport* -- Regular

*Public Safety* -- Regular

Call the City's non-emergency  
after-hours number

**(480) 782-4130**

to report urgent water  
and sewer situations.

